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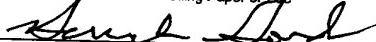
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The following document is cited in the specification of the above-identified application:

- (1) Takada et al, U.S. Patent No. 4,973,833, issued November 27, 1990.

Applicants also wish to bring the following documents to the attention of the Examiner:

- (2) Miyatake et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,241,575, issued August 31, 1993; and

- (3) Japanese Published Unexamined patent Application (A) 03-192764, published August 22, 1991.

Reference (2) is a corresponding U.S. Patent of reference (3).

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